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## FANWOOD

### AN INTERESTING DOCUMENT

Construction engineers who recently made a thorough examination of various parts of our School buildings, discovered an old copy of *The Sun*, dated Wednesday, August 29, 1883, tucked away in the attic of our Chapel. The issue has only four pages, but right in the center of page 3 appears an item with the headline "Two Hundred Deaf-Mutes," and the following is the item:—

#### TWO HUNDRED DEAF-MUTES

A CONVENTION THAT WAS UNDISTURBED BY THE RATTLE OF THE ELEVATED ROAD

The triennial National Convention of Deaf-Mutes, their first convention ever held in this State, was begun yesterday in Lyric Hall. It is to be concluded tomorrow night. About 200 persons were present. Twenty-five were women. Among the organizations represented were the Manhattan Literary Association, the Twilight Union, the Catholic Literary and Benevolent Union, the Gallaudet Club, and the New York Institution for the Deaf and Dumb. The members of the convention represent themselves only. The meeting is of a social nature. The members are of all religions. Five reporters for five newspapers printed for deaf-mutes sat at tables next to the platform. From the platform the hall was a sea of twirling fingers and waving arms. The delegates come from as far west as Dakota and Colorado. Seven are from Boston, four from Cincinnati, and six from Michigan. The number of members enrolled was 150. They represent nearly every trade. One is in the Custom House in this city, and another is a lawyer in Cincinnati.

R. P. McGregor, professor in a school in Columbus, Ohio, President of the convention last year in Cincinnati, called the members to order by waving his arms and stamping with one foot. He made a brief address. He did not doubt that it was the opinion of the members that they enjoyed assembling together and conversing with their eyes and fingers. He added that there are now so many schools and societies of deaf-mutes, it is desirable and possible that conventions should be kept up.

The Rev. Job Turner, a deaf-mute, rector of an Episcopal Church in Staunton, Va., prayed. He painted his prayer on the air with his fingers while his head was bowed. All the members assumed reverent attitudes, but their heads were not bowed. Their eyes, wide open, were fixed on the preacher's hands.

Nearly the entire day was spent in organizing. Men paid \$1 and women 50 cents each to become members. No convention of ordinary people could have been half so quiet, yet there was no lack of animation. Trains on the elevated railroad rattled past the open windows, but they disturbed no one. It seemed as though every member saw everything that everybody did, even to the mild flirtations.

The Rev. Dr. Chamberlain of St. Ann's Episcopal Church, assistant of the Rev. Dr. Gallaudet, said that Dr. Gallaudet was in Europe. A letter of regret from Dr. Gallaudet was told off on the Secretary's fingers. He was in England and was to attend the International Convention of Teachers of Deaf-Mutes.

While the convention was waiting for the report of a committee, they were entertained by a deaf-mute, W. G. Jones, son of a once famous actress of this city. Mr. Jones is a teacher in the New York Institute for the Deaf and Dumb. In pantomime he told the story of the preacher whose pet monkey mounted the pulpit unknown to the minister, and mimicked his gestures. The convention grew red in the face and held its sides at the representation.

The following officers were elected: President, E. A. Hodgson, Editor of the *DEAF-MUTES' JOURNAL*, New York; Vice-Presidents, T. L. Brown, of Michigan; George Steenrod, of Tennessee; W. H. Weeks, of Connecticut; and W. Houston, of Pennsylvania; Corresponding Secretary, H. White, of Massachusetts; Recording Secretary, T. F. Fox, of New York; Treasurer, D. W. George, Illinois.

In the evening the members had a social gathering in Lyric Hall.

Of the persons mentioned, only Dr. Fox survives.

There are many interesting little items in the paper. A front page item concerns the explosion of the 400-ton steamboat "Riverdale" at her pier at Harrison Street, North River, result-

ing in the death of more than 20 persons and some 15 injured.

The newspaper also carries a four-inch advertisement by John Duncan Son.

An item reported that President Arthur and his party were catching trout in the Upper Geyser Basin of Yellowstone Park and cooking them in the geysers.

### The Theatre Guild

Playing to a crowd of about three hundred, The Theatre Guild of the Deaf presented its second program last Saturday night at the Heckscher Theatre. Three one-act plays, a poetic declamation and two curtain skits constituted the entertainment for the evening.

In "Andrea del Sarto," Mr. Funk rendered Robert Browning's famous poem into the usual Funkian signs, and Frances Macon in a splendid broadened costume of the 15th century enacted Andrea's wife. This act was not well received; the poem was too long and not sufficiently dramatic to hold the attention of the audience. "Suspended Sentence," a mystery play with a surprise ending, a pistol shot and an hysterical young woman was better, being quite tense in spots. Mr. Lynch took the lead in his usual able manner and was well supported by Eva Segal, Wolf Bragg and Herbert Carroll. After the intermission, the program reopened with "Soil," a drama of rural life in upstate New York. Mr. Funk gave an effective portrayal of a stubborn old farmer whose refusal to part with his land causes the death of his son. As the farmer's overworked wife, Ione Dibble was as effective as usual in catching the spirit of the character, and Harry Kurz was excellent as the oily hotelkeeper. A special commendation is due Arthur Kruger, who replaced Edward Carr ("Trolley" was abed with the grippe) after only one rehearsal in that part. Perhaps the best act of the show was "The Barbarians." This play, based on the reactions of five trapped miners in the shadow of inevitable death, had great dramatic possibilities and the cast handled them well. Mr. Lynch, as the hard-boiled but understanding foreman, swung his fists and used his head to good effect; Wolf Bragg, the young college boy, was harassed, contemptuous and fearful in quick succession; Emerson Romero provided a bit of comedy as well as some class drama as an Italian, puzzled by American ways; Edward Kirwin, as "Snowball," was comic and dramatic, too; James McAardle, as Pete, the troublemaker, interpreted his character very well.

The curtain skits were good, Mr. Romero's pantomime and comedy making its usual hit with the crowd. Mr. McAardle made a speech just before the last act, boosting the Guild.

### Sundry

The report published recently that Mr. A. B. Smith, of Schenectady, had died was erroneous. Mr. Smith survived the shock of having his leg amputated, thought at present he still is in a weakened condition.

On December 1st, a shower was given for Mrs. B. Morrell, nee Bessie Kosner, from New Haven, Conn. She was married to Nathan Morrell on December 23d, by the Rev. Krienenberg. Mrs. Bella Blumenthal translated the ceremony into the sign language. Dinner was served at Hoffman's Oriental Restaurant on Eastern Parkway. The couple honeymooned to Boston.

## NEW YORK CITY

### ST. ANN'S CHURCH NOTES

The Christmas season commenced at St. Ann's Church for the Deaf with a special Carol Service in the Church on Sunday afternoon, December 23d. The curved sanctuary surrounding the altar appeared resplendent with holly and pine wreaths on the walls, young pine trees in the angles, and a large illuminated star overhead. The vested choir, consisting of Miss Eleanor Sherman, choir leader, Mesdames Dieckman, Karus, and Radlein, and Miss Anna Klaus rendered in beautiful signs the old favorite Christmas carols: "O Come All Ye Faithful," "O Little Town of Bethlehem," "Silent Night, Holy Night," and in addition a Christmas hymn, "The Day of Days," which was written by the Rev. Thomas Gallaudet, D.D., founder of church missions to the deaf. The vicar, Rev. G. C. Braddock, preached the Christmas sermon, on the subject "The Beginning of the Christian Era." At the Church of the Messiah, Brooklyn, the service on that day was conducted by Dr. Edwin W. Nies, lay-reader.

Services were also held at St. Ann's Church on Christmas Morn at 11 A.M., and on Consecration Day, December 26th, at 8:15 P.M., following annual custom. On the day before Christmas, several of the most needy families of the parish were provided with Christmas dinners, out of the balance of the Thanksgiving and Christmas Fund.

The Christmas Festival was held on Thursday evening, December 27th, nearly a hundred and fifty persons attended this affair, including some thirty-five children under the age of twelve. Toys and candy were given to the children, and apples, oranges, and coffee and cake to all present. A gorgeous Christmas tree was visible on the stage, and the functions of Santa Claus were creditably performed by Mr. Arne Olsen, who had to borrow a pillow to enable him to attain to Santa's traditional round proportions. The committee in charge consisted of Mr. Charles Terry, chairman, Messrs. James Fitzgerald and Harry Jackson, and Mesdames Thetford and Heintz.

The next event at St. Ann's will be the Good-Will Social on Saturday evening, January 5th, at 8:15 P.M. All the deaf are invited to be present. A good time is promised, and a small admission charge of 35 cents will cover all privileges.

### B. H. S. D.

On Saturday evening, December 22d, Alderman William Hart gave to the Brooklyn Hebrew Society of the Deaf, Inc., the privilege of using the rooms of the Regular Democratic Club, Eastern Parkway and Saratoga Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y. and the Society held its Chanukah and bunco whist party here. There was a good attendance, with thirteen tables taken. The winners at the bunco were: Morris Forman, 1st; James Ripp, 2d; Henry Plapinger, booby. At whist, Israel Pincus won first prize. After the games, gifts and candy were given to the children by Charles Klein, President of the Society, with the aid of William Starr, chairman of the affair. Refreshments were also served.

The League of Elect Surds held a meeting on Friday, December 14th. All members were present except Bro. Pach and Bro. Max Miller. Plans for its forty-sixth annual dinner were agreed upon, which will be held at the oldest hostelry in New York—the Lafayette Hotel—on February 11th, 1935.

### EPHPHETA SOCIETY

About 125 attended the Kiddies' Christmas Party, Sunday afternoon, half the number consisting of children of the members. These youngsters certainly had a right royal time. While waiting for the opening of the program, they indulged in the inevitable game of tag and leap frog, to the amusement of their grown-ups. Santa seemed to have forgotten the date, as he did not show up, but left plenty of toys and candy to be distributed with his compliments. This affair was conducted by Paul DiAnno, Rita Rigali, Molly Higgins, Mrs. O'Grady, Miss Harriet Gallagher, a social member, hailing from Port Jervis, held the record for long-distance travel to the affair.

Due to New Year's falling on our regular meeting night, the meeting has been postponed to Monday, January 7th.

A Pre-Christmas party was held at the home of Paul Gaffney in Brooklyn last Friday night. Cards and Bunco were played and refreshments were served later. That a good time was had may be attested to by the following guests: Mary Costello, Irene Bohn, Lena Muro, Rita Rigali, Margaret Dalton, Catherine Gallagher, Ruth Pagliaro, Margaret Agnime, Helen Gaffney, Marcella Faulkner, Anna Framazza, Mr. and Mrs. Caligueri, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Falanco, and the Messrs. Moylan, Curley, Di Anno, James Collins, Demingo, Brandt, Morello, McMahon, Coles, Sordillo and Avale.

### H. A. D.

The new year promises to be one of the most memorable years in the history of the H. A. D. New sports will be conducted under the supervision of Arthur Kruger. A literary program will be presented on January 20th. Basketball games continue in full swing every Wednesday evening until March. Interesting speakers and inspiring messages every Friday evening.

Arrangements are ready for the Monster Basketball and Dance to be held at the Warner Memorial Gymnasium (Hebrew Orphan Asylum), 138th Street, January 12th. Full particulars next week.

Miss Florence B. Litter, popularly known as "Blondie," sailed with her parents for the West Indies on the French Liner, S. S. Lafayette, on Friday, December 21st. Miss Litter will return on January 2d, after visiting Kingston, Jamaica, and Havana, Cuba. Among those at the bon-voyage party in her cabin, were Muriel Feigenbaum, Milton H. Ohringer, Doctor Murray H. Shapiro, LeRoy Subit, and Leo Kasewitz.

Miss Muriel Feigenbaum, vice-president of the Public School 47 Alumni Association, recently returned from a visit to her brother at Watertown, Mass. Miss Feigenbaum visited all the historical places around Boston, Concord, Cambridge, and Plymouth. Miss Feigenbaum says that the Alumni Association has just completed plans for an affair to be held in January.

Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Ruckdeschel, and Mr. and Mrs. Max Cohen, of Providence, R. I., motored down to New York City in the latter's Plymouth sedan for the week-end of December 22nd. They took in the Theatre Guild play, and met many of their city friends as well. Before leaving on the homeward trip, they were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Renner.

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## DETROIT

A Chinese play, entitled, "The House of Wu," was given at the C. A. D. Hall on December 1st, under the auspices of Detroit Division, No. 2, N. F. S. D. It was the same play that was given here and in Flint two years ago, but it has been improved in some parts since then. This play was given on December 8th, in Akron, O., under the auspices of Akron Division, No. 55. The players were: A. A. Stutsman, O. W. Buby, Wm. Greenbaum, Geo. Davies, C. E. Drake, Ivor Friday, Mrs. Kenney, Mrs. Affeldt and Miss Ciotti.

One of the most enjoyable evenings of the season was a play entitled, "Wedding Bells in Dixie," given by the Akronites at the C. A. D. Hall on December 15th. The Akronites who played were: Mrs. Geo. Murphy, Mr. C. M. Thompson, Mrs. J. E. Brown, Mr. R. Shannon, Mr. Wm. Pfunder, Mr. H. G. Newman, Mr. Geo. Barrow and Mr. J. E. Brown. The hall was filled to overflowing and the crowd stayed well into the morning. The members furnished the entertainment which was well received. After the play, all the chairs were removed and dancing began. Out-of-town visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Dille, Robert Burdick, Miss House and Mrs. Williams, all of Akron, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Smith, of Ann Arbor; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith, of Ypsilanti; Mr. and Mrs. William Drake and their children, and Miss Thelma Heck, of Flint.

Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert LaBlanc, of Lincoln Park, are the proud parents of a twelve-pound baby boy who arrived on November 15th. It is their third child.

Mr. Henry Crutcher, who has been confined in a local hospital for several weeks, has gone home to Kentucky for the holidays.

Messrs. Alva Cowden and Maupin, of Lansing, have just returned from their ten-day deer-hunting in the northern woods. It was on Drummond Island where Cowden bagged a fine deer.

On December 6th, the Cherokees of Detroit, (hearing team) played basketball against the D. A. D. team at Dodge Community House. The D. A. D. team won by the score of 23 to 10. The D. A. D. team will play every Tuesday evening at St. John's Parish House. Everybody is welcome to see the games there.

The Athletic Circle of the Detroit Association of the Deaf bought ten basketball uniforms and a basketball costing about \$50.00. The players are Norman Conklin, Horace Waters, Jr., S. Jendritz, Paul Wein-kauf, A. Defazio, Fred Schreiber, J. Macjowski, S. Maraj, B. Peters and C. Carman. G. Mathias is manager and H. Lundgren, coach.

The D. A. D. team played against St. Stephen's team, of Wyandotte, at Parish House gymnasium on December 4th. The D. A. D. team won by the score, 25 to 19.

St. John's Ladies League held its regular meeting on December 12th, and the elected officers for the year 1935 are: President, Mrs. H. B. Waters; Vice-President, Mrs. Joel Piath; Secretary, Mrs. R. V. Jones; Treasurer, Mrs. L. May.

In the evening, Mrs. Emma Hannan arranged the Christmas variety social at the Parish House.

St. John's Parish House was the scene of a happy Christmas festival on the 19th. Mrs. Hannan was Santa Claus and distributed candies, nuts and fruit and presents to the members of Ladies' League and Mission. Mr. and Mrs. Affeldt, and Mrs. Wilhelm recited different songs. Mrs. Horace Waters, Jr., was the fairy and Elma Rutherford was the poor girl who never saw a pretty decorated tree. The play was very good, arranged by Mrs. Horace Waters, Jr., the president of League.

The Catholic Association of the Deaf had its festival at St. Mary's Hospital at their regular meeting on third Sunday, last 16th. The officers

for 1935 are: President, Mr. John Hellers; Vice-President, Mrs. L. Koehler; Secretary, Mrs. A. Lobsinger; Treasurer, Mr. Peter Hellers.

Mr. John Moore passed away in Elvose Hospital on December 9th after a lingering illness. Funeral services were held at Lutheran Church and the burial was at Forest Lawn Cemetery. He leaves a wife and two sons.

Happy New Year to you all.

MRS. L. MAY.

### High Light-spots of the Addresses of the International Congress at New Jersey

Selections by Zeno

No. 10

T. C. FORRESTER

"Why a High School Course for the deaf? This question is sometimes asked by intelligent people."

"We may reply by asking, 'Why a High School Course for the hearing?' A High School Course is desirable for a number of reasons, of which we submit a few."

"It is due every deaf boy or girl who is capable of taking it."

"The deaf need intelligent leadership by the deaf."

"The school needs it as an objective for those of talent and ambition, and it forms the keystone of school structure."

"It helps to correct defects in methods in the lower grades and tones up the general work of the school."

"It is a pre-requisite for those who are to take college courses."

"The deaf as a class, because of it, will more nearly approach the normal."

"Finally, the times demand it."

"Having made these general observations, I now come to discuss the general practice in force in the Rochester School."

"The courses are outlined by what is known as the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York."

"I need hardly add that it is a source of satisfaction to our High School pupils to feel they can take exactly the same examinations as those taken in the public schools."

"Since our school has no laboratory for the proper study of physics and chemistry, our students take these subjects in a nearby High School."

"We have a very fine library."

"The question is asked, 'How many pupils take High School courses?' We believe that if ten percent qualify, there is little reason for any misgiving."

"We try to suit the curriculum to the individual rather than the individual to the curriculum."

ZENO.

(Hallowed be the name of the impartial Giver of all things who had given me talent, I humbly believe, for the advancement of the deaf cause.

As, after having lived longer in the broad sunshine of art than is the lot of ordinary merit (I am soon to reach my 75th year), I salute all the superintendents of the deaf schools in this foolish but still fair and beloved land; I shake hands with the teachers of all the schools, big or small, old or new, manual or combined or oral, Jewish or Catholic or Protestant; I embrace all the deaf children, white or black or yellow, rich or poor, dull or bright or super-normal, who, with shouts, troop out of the schoolhouses under whatever kind of a sky the sun is shining on, on this 25th of December, 1934. Amen.

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No. 11

MABEL ELLERY ADAMS

Principal Horace Mann School for the Deaf, Boston, Mass.

"What is being done; What ought to be done, and What immediate steps can be taken to effect desirable changes?"

"There is a decided tendency to link up the curriculum of both the

State and the Day Schools with that of the State elementary systems of which they are or should be a part."

"In some States, conformity is obligatory, but, in others, it seems to be a matter of voluntary agreement."

"This has been a matter of growth."

"Often the coordination of the curriculum for the deaf with the State School came through the initiative of a new executive officer, who, finding an antiquated course of study, naturally looked to the nearest educational system for help."

"I have found no traces of official attempts to coordinate the curriculum of State Schools and Day Schools for the deaf till very recent times."

"It is generally conceded that from two to four years of training must be given the deaf child before he can approximate the status of the hearing first-grader."

"The schools which try to do this pre-grade work in two or three years, often find that only their brightest pupils with some hearing or speech, can accomplish it in that time, and find themselves cumbered with various classes still in the 'preparatory' department."

"So much for what is done. Now for what ought to be done."

"A rational system of grades is the first need, a system which links up both State School and Day School with each other and with the public-school system of which they are integral parts."

"California, Iowa and Virginia have uniform courses of study and uniform supervision, and seem to be getting very good results."

"The third heading, 'What immediate steps can be taken to effect desirable changes?', presents a not very hopeful aspect at the present time."

"There are so many ways in which we might improve our service for the deaf that discouragement is always near; but anyone who will read old reports of the past century, can hardly fail to find substantial reason for encouragement."

"This has recently been brought home to me by adult hearing persons—sons or daughters of deaf parents—who have told me how valuable their parents considered the present-day methods, and how much they regretted not having enjoyed such advantages themselves."

O. L. MCINTIRE

"During the interval of from 1928 to 1932, the Iowa School for the Deaf was changed over from a ninth to a twelfth-grade basis."

"It now offers to the deaf boys and girls of Iowa a full high school course of study in its four upper grades and is a member of the North Central Association, having complied with the requirements of that accrediting organization."

"Many inquiries have been received concerning our high school program."

"With a few exceptions, the schools for the deaf in America graduate their pupil on a ninth-grade basis. Their graduates, therefore, have completed only the work of the freshman year of the hearing high school. To graduate on a twelfth-grade basis, they have to continue their high school work three longer years."

"Hitherto, an opportunity to receive a high school education in the State was offered every boy and girl in Iowa except those who happened to be deaf."

"This inequality has been removed by the establishment of the high school program at the Council Bluffs School, and the deaf child is given his opportunity to obtain a high school education."

"The public attitude with reference to high education for the deaf was,

as reported by the Knoxville Conference committee of 1928: "It thinks advancement is unnecessary. It sees a happy and fairly prosperous set of deaf people throughout the country and acts as though the schools should be satisfied with the product they are turning out."

"I became a member of the committee, and the public attitude was exactly the reverse of that formerly suggested by the committee."

"Some men were even provoked: they were astonished that we were giving the deaf only a ninth-grade education."

"Nearly all agreed that the deaf boys and girls are entitled to a high school education if their hearing brothers and sisters are receiving it. Some made the point that, of the two groups, the deaf need it more than the hearing."

"Not all of our pupils were solid on the idea, and many older pupils did not relish the prospect of three more years in school. As might be expected, the loudest protests came from pupils whose work in school was considered poor."

"It was, here, an opportunity with me to drive home a point in the educational process."

"Which it is true that many people looked askance at our provisions for harder, higher and better education, and while we had difficulties in inspiring them to make the necessary application to secure the desired results, we feel the change has been worth while and the pupils have been the real beneficiaries."

"Inspiration comes to the high school pupil, whether deaf or hearing, largely through the instrumentality of the teaching staff."

"Under the requirements of the North Central Association, a teacher must hold a degree from an accredited four-year college."

"Certainly a good teacher thus equipped is an asset to any school."

"The idea of normalizing the deaf child, of which we have heard much within recent years, has played an important part in the making of our curriculum."

"No matter how excellent a curriculum a school may have, it becomes of value only when the pupils have mastered its contents in the form of permanent attitudes and acquired abilities."

"No matter how fine the building, the school is a mere meeting place until the pupils who gather there, emerge with an actual education and not merely so many certificates of years spent in school. The crux of the educational process will not be found in the curriculum, the building nor the equipment, but rather in effective teaching and adequate administration."

ZENO.

(Ring in the New Year, and alas, the group of the old denizens of the school platform is thinning and dying out, to be succeeded by a new stage troupe of non-signing or half-tone signing and rotating superintendents, with a sprinkling of a colonel, a foreigner, and some women strong-minded for the expurgation of the sign-language! We who had known the past masters like the Gallaudets for Connecticut and Washington, the Peets for New York, Gillett for Illinois, and Wilkinson for California, will warm to this picture of the fade-away of a virile period which never knew the melancholy of a hush-gag.)

### THE PAST MASTER

(paraphrased)

"I love the mellow weavers  
Of thy old and weathered signs  
Full of bravely hoarded dreams  
And little dwindled hates,  
With here and there,  
A patting of happiness, or a whirling of joy  
Still making sweet  
Thy house of wisdom  
That Thou kept  
Open to June and me  
Where we might seek  
What really mattered  
After all."

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## Canadian News

News items for this column, and subscriptions, may be sent to Mrs. A. M. Adam, 5 Fairholt Road N., Hamilton, Ont., Canada.

### HAMILTON

There was a fair attendance at the Centenary Church on Sunday, December 23d, when Mr. Gleadow gave a good and appropriate sermon from the text, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good-will towards men," reading from the second chapter of St. Luke's Gospel, and stressing the fact that when we are at peace with God, we have good-will towards all men.

Two of the boys, who came home from the Belleville school, for the Christmas holidays, attended the Sunday service. They are quite enthusiastic about the present conditions at the school, and report that Dr. Amoss is very popular with everyone. Some of the boys subscribed towards a pair of skates for him, as a Christmas gift.

Two of the other boys here, Messrs. Evans and Male, who have been unable to obtain work, will also return to school early in the New Year.

Mrs. Rees, of Toronto, is again spending the Christmas holidays with her daughter here. As illness prevented Mrs. Rees' usual visit last year, Mr. Breen and family are all the more happy to have her with them now.

Mrs. Quick intends to move to Windsor, Ontario, as soon as she gets her affairs here settled. As they have many friends and relatives in Windsor and vicinity, Mrs. Quick hopes that her boys may be able to get work there next Spring.

There has not been much doing amongst the deaf here lately. Most are busy over their own affairs and some have had bad colds, owing probably to the vagaries of the weather. The blizzard promised us for Christmas held off until today, the 26th, and is now making up for lost time.

### GENERAL NEWS

Mr. T. S. Williams, of Kitchener, is again laid off for an indefinite time. The eldest of the family and the only daughter—is now in her third year in the commercial class at high school and hopes to get a good position when she finishes the course.

A new club for the deaf has recently been opened in Montreal, Que., and is called "The Montreal Silent Club," with Mr. Ant. Chicoine as secretary. Like all sensible clubs, they want to have a copy of the JOURNAL in their reading room.

Miss Caroline Brethour, of Montreal, and formerly of Toronto, is now settled down again in Montreal for the colder months, after having spent all the summer in the country at Huntingdon.

A. M. ADAM.

### Mr. MacDonald Promoted

We regret to lose one of our ablest and most popular teachers, Mr. Charles E. MacDonald, but rejoice with him in his promotion to the superintendency of the British Columbia School for the Deaf and the Blind at Grey Point (a suburb of Vancouver). By inheritance, training and experience, Mr. MacDonald is especially well qualified for the duties of his new position, and we anticipate a great future for the Vancouver School under his administration.

Mr. MacDonald has been with us for eight years and his going will be felt keenly both by the pupils and his colleagues. However, we all wish you good luck, Mac.—*Jersey School News*.

### Protestant Episcopal Missions

Dioceses of Washington and the States of Virginia and West Virginia.  
Rev. H. Lorraine Tracy, General Missionary,  
3821 South Dakota Avenue, N. E., Washington, D. C.  
Washington, D. C.—St. Mark's Church,  
A and Third Streets, S. E. Services first  
and third Sundays, 3 P.M.  
Services elsewhere by appointment.

### Successful Deaf Farmers

President Roosevelt's prime object in projecting the AAA—agricultural prosperity—has been attained by two deaf-mute brothers living north of here. But they anticipated the "brain-trust" theory of controlled production three or four years ago and the new AAA deal found them already practicing its principles and willing co-operators.

So Tom and Pete McManus are setting about terracing the hills on their 240-acre farm. Over in two long cribs and in the granary they have 18 thousand bushels of corn and in bins and stacks they have 1,800 bushels of wheat. This is a potential wealth of \$20,000 in grain alone and it's all clear.

Both men are unmarried and their sister, Margaret, born a deaf-mute, keeps house for them. Pete, who is 52, has been deaf since early childhood when he suffered from scarlet fever. Tom lost his hearing when, as a youngster, while playing in the garden, he got a bean lodged in his ear.

Never having learned to talk, they lost control of their voices. They attended the Nebraska School for Deaf in Omaha, learned to write, speak with their hands and lay the ground-work for good thinking. They live in their own silent world, but know everybody around for miles and are frequent visitors at other farms, where they converse with others via the pencil and paper medium.

Recently they wrote out their story to Fred Siefer, Nemaha county agricultural agent and newspaperman, who stopped in their yard to find out how, in depression and drouth, two farmers on one farm, handicapped as they are could store up such a great amount of grain.

The 18 thousand bushels of corn represent a saving since 1928. They raised from 105 to 120 acres of corn each year and 35 to 85 acres in wheat. This year both crops were failures. In between rotations they seeded fallow land to sweet clover to build it up.

"Do you have any hogs?" Siefer wrote on Tom's pad.

"We quit raising pigs three years ago because price too low," Tom wrote back.

They lived carefully on what they raised and with no hogs to feed, the grain surplus began to pile up. When the 45-cent loan was made on corn they sealed the 18 thousand bushels, but paid it off in August. Now they are holding it for \$1 a bushel and while many have tried, no one has been able to write fast enough to buy the grain.

When the government asked for farmers to sign wheat and corn-hog contracts the two McManuses were among the first to prove compliance. They are sold on the contracts and attended all of the frequent meetings held by Siefer and although they could neither hear nor read lips they voted with other administration supporters. They think Siefer has been a big aid to them—he surveyed the 80 they are terracing and advised them on their contracts—and when asked what they thought of President Roosevelt they grabbed the pencils from their questioners and with ear-to-ear smiles wrote, "He's a good man."

Now, with no corn to husk and no stock to take care of they are terracing to save their top-soil. Nemaha county soil washes badly on slopes. And they want to build some brush dams to stop gully-washing. They are doing the work themselves.

One of their most difficult problems is to wake up regularly. Alarm clocks don't mean a thing to them. Sometimes they awaken at 2 in the morning, sometimes not until 10 o'clock. During shucking time they frequently awakened about 3 A.M. and then would stay awake until it was time to get up. They intend to buy a patented alarm clock that sets up a vibration in the bedstead by a large marble ball pulling on it.

Their home life is necessarily very interdependent. Shortly after they bought their present place, Pete,

mowing over an old covered well, fell in. It was late at night before he scrambled out. When he finally found his worried brother the two hitched up the scraper and under the midnight moon filled the well in.—*Omaha Bee-News, Dec. 1.*

### Shoots Wife as Alienist Comes

At the time Marsden C. Holman, 54-year-old Arlington, Mass., florist shot and killed his deaf-mute wife and committed suicide in Somerville on December 3d, a physician, appointed by the East Cambridge Court, was on the way to the Holman house for the purpose of committing Holman to the Psychopathic Hospital.

Fear for the safety of her mother, herself and her younger brother prompted Miss Holman to appeal to court authorities. Signs of mental derangement observable several months ago, had become more marked, she said, and last Friday Holman's wife deemed it advisable to leave home for a few days.

She was sitting in a chair near the kitchen table in her cousin's home when her husband entered. Mrs. Woodward, the cousin, was engaged in making a cake. Although Holman was not a mute, he had marked impediment in his speech, traceable to his almost total deafness. "What are you going to do about returning home?" he asked his wife, verbally. Although Mrs. Holman was adept at lip-reading and apparently understood her husband's question she made no response and he repeated the question rapidly in the sign language. Using the same medium of expression Mrs. Holman then said: "I need more time to think it over."

Immediately, according to Mrs. Woodward, Holman drew the pistol and fired four shots into his wife's body. Three of them entered her chest and the fourth lodged in her left shoulder. As Mrs. Woodward ran, screaming, to a neighbor's house, Holman placed the muzzle of the pistol against his right temple and fired.

Medical Examiner J. Paul Reardon ascribed "temporary insanity" as the motive in his official finding of murder and suicide.

Two and half months ago Holman's family became concerned about his mental condition and Dr. George Ott, requested to commit Holman to the Psychopathic Hospital, completed all arrangements when the family, encouraged by an improvement in Holman's condition, requested him not to take any action for the time being. Holman was sent to visit relatives in Georgia and on his return showed improvement. Recently, however, he had again begun to act in a strange manner.

Holman and his wife met while they were attending the Clark School for the Deaf at Northampton. They lived for a time in Georgia and later at Keene, N. H., where Mrs. Holman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert O. Wardell, reside. They had three children, Wardell Holman, who is married and lives in Waltham; Marsden Holman, Jr., a sophomore at Arlington High School, and Alice Holman, who is employed in Boston.

Mrs. Holman was a painter and sculptor and held exhibitions of her work in Arlington. Holman was the beneficiary of the income of a trust fund of more than \$80,000, left by a relative. He was formerly a manufacturer of radio tubes.—*Boston Globe*.

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### Nature and Science

#### HOW THE EYE SEES THE EYE

At a recent meeting of the French Academy of Sciences, the apparatus of Doctor Fortin for rendering visible the inner structure of the human eye was described. A very brilliant mirror is illuminated with a Cooper-Hewitt tube, and the light is reflected into the eye, after traversing two thickness of blue glass and being concentrated by a large lens fixed in a screen. The observer places his eye behind the lens at such a distance that the whole field appears uniformly illuminated. What he sees is a reflection of the interior of his own eye. The circulation of the blood in the minute vessels is visible. When a screen pierced with a pin-hole is passed rapidly to and fro between the eye and the lens, the structure of the fovea, the minute spot on the retina which is the most sensitive part of the eye, is revealed. The apparatus is designed to aid investigations by oculists.

#### ELECTRIC RAILWAY SIGNALS

The Great Western Railway in England is experimenting with a promising form of electric signals for the prevention of accidents in fogs and storms. The apparatus consists of an iron rail placed half-way between the regular rails and connected electrically with the semaphores controlling switches; and of an electric bell and a whistle, carried in the cab of the locomotive, and actuated by contact with the electric rail as the train passes over it. The middle rail is elevated at a certain height when the semaphores are turned to indicate safety, and at a greater height when they indicate danger. In the first case, when the locomotive comes in contact, the bell rings in the cab, and the engineer knows that the way is free; in the second case, the whistle blows in the cab to indicate danger.

#### PROTECTION FOR MINERS

Workers in mines, as well as glass and mirror factories, are subject to injurious effects from the inhalation of mercury vapors. An Italian savant, Signor Tarugi, believes that the property of aluminum to absorb mercuric vapors may be utilized for protection against this danger, and he has devised for the purpose a mask of aluminum wire to be worn over the face. His idea is that the air breathed will be freed from the injurious vapors through their absorption by the aluminum.

#### VIENNA'S CROWN OF GREEN

The city of Vienna has recently undertaken, at an estimated expense of \$10,000,000, to surround itself with a belt of forests. The existing forests near the city are to be preserved, and others, together with broad green meadows, are to be established in such a way as completely to encircle the city. Land is being reserved for the new plantations, which are to be connected with the celebrated Prater, which already forms a green border for the Austrian capital on the east. This idea is enthusiastically urged for the beautifying of the suburbs of other cities, which are now, in many cases, not only unattractive, but often hideous.

#### THE OSTRICH IN AFRICA

The French government in Africa has undertaken to organize the breeding of ostriches in the territory under its control. Ostriches are found wild in many parts of western Africa. Along the river Niger they avoid the neighborhood of man, but on some of the islands in that and other rivers the natives have established wide ostrich-farms. Doctor Decorse, who was appointed by the government to study the subject, says that methods of the ostrich-farmers of the Cape cannot be fully carried out in the French territory. It will be necessary to leave the ostriches in a partially nomadic state. They migrate more or less with the seasons. When it becomes too dry in the south they go northward.



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At THIS season, marking the opening of a new year, the thoughts of those responsible for the education of deaf children in our schools naturally turn to consideration of what the future may bring forth, either for good or ill. To those upon whom rests the future welfare and happiness of the children they are preparing for life-work, their minds are open and hopeful for improvements, both in the literary and vocational branches, for the training of the children.

In such a laudable direction, food for thoughtful assimilation was presented to the profession by President Hall, of Gallaudet College, in his lucid discussion of the prevalence in the system of the education of the deaf of certain problems that call for an effort to solve them. Among other valuable suggestions, he pointed out that there is needed—

"An industrial department in each large school, headed by a well-educated specialist. More attention to industrial education of our girls.

A traveling representative in each school of fair size, part of whose duty would be to visit industrial plants and business organizations, keeping in touch with former pupils, and particularly with the demand for skilled work which deaf people may be taught.

More time given to industrial training in the last years of school, especially to slow pupils.

Summer industrial courses in at least some of our larger institutions at suitable centers throughout the country.

Some of the blemishes in our academic work may be touched up and our picture made more attractive without deep scientific investigation. There is no good reason, for instance, why in time we cannot obtain better salaries for our teachers and better medical attention for our pupils. But many of our problems do need special and serious scientific study. The greatest shadow of all, part of the blackness of which may come from the overlapping of a number of the less important of those shadows already mentioned, is that our deaf children in educational attainment are years behind the standard reached by their hearing brothers and sisters of the same age and native ability. This fact has been shown clearly by the investigations of Dr. Pintner, and others, through the examination of over six thousand deaf school children during the past few years. It ought not so to be.

If we are to show to future generations a more beautiful picture of our work, if we are to progress educationally, if we are to place our handicapped children into a more and more complex life with hope of maintaining or improving their splendid record of self support, we should close as far as possible this educational gap by successful investigation of its causes and by the application of the proper remedies.

Dr. Pintner in the November *Annals* has raised some very pertinent questions in regard to this great problem of the advancement of the educational ability of our deaf children to the point where their native ability shows they ought to be.

Some possible solutions of the problem are suggested by him; the earlier entrance of deaf children to school; the teaching of reading at an earlier age; the use of some of the time now used in speech teaching and lip-reading for the acquisition of a wider vocabulary; changes in curriculum; and better training of teachers."

The ideas he offers for consideration are in line with the present widespread discussion of educational needs, and is an indication that, far from having reached the limit for which our schools aim in the sphere of education and training of deaf children, there is conceded to be considerable room for advancement in this direction. The harassing difficulties facing those who are responsible for the fitting of pupils is the lack of pecuniary means for furnishing the opportunities and supplying the requirements necessary to meet modern ideas. Enthusiasm is not lacking in school authorities, but the monetary wherewithal with which to meet desirable changes and improvements is often wanting—a hindrance they find no way to overcome. The desire is clearly manifest to have the children ready for the time their school term closes, and every effort is made in this direction when it does not interfere with the essential requirements of the schools.

There, however, is one important point that is too frequently overlooked and which, we believe, requires emphasis. The personal experiences of the adult deaf in their every-day life leads them to visualize more clearly what is overlooked at school, and they marvel that some teachers give so little thought to studying the difficulties the deaf have to face; in the class room teachers do their work conscientiously, but they should mingle more in the social affairs of the deaf and show more interest in their welfare beyond school life, especially in large cities where schools are located. This is an important element in the relations that should exist between hearing teachers of the deaf and their former pupils—familiarity with the life conditions of the child grown up into manhood and womanhood, filling places as citizens in the community. It was well understood by teachers of other days, who made it a point to be present at social and other gatherings of the deaf, where they not only renewed old associations but profited from much that eventually became of value in their class room work—and, what is of equal importance, won the affectionate respect of the adult deaf of many different schools.

WE ARE greatly pleased to learn that the idea of a New York State Association of the Deaf has been favorably received.

Most of the proposed members of the committee on organization have responded favorably and accepted appointments to the committee, and when two more have announced their intentions, the list of the full committee on reorganization of the Empire State Association of the Deaf will be announced, and the program of reorganization will be published from time to time.

THIS issue of the JOURNAL goes to press Monday, December 31st. Late correspondence has to postponed till next week.

WE ARE pleased to acknowledge a card of Christmas and New Year's greetings from our Japanese contemporary, Toyo Foujii, Roa Gepp Sha, of Ooka, Japan. The cover is embellished with a beautiful specimen of Japanese art which, with good wishes included, are sincerely appreciated.

## OHIO

News items for this column can be sent to Miss B. Edgar, 56 Latta Ave., Columbus, O.

The thirty students remaining at the school over the Christmas recess, had a fine time at a party Christmas Eve and each received several presents. Refreshments were served and it was a happy crowd which left the main hall for their dormitories. Christmas afternoon all were guests of the Southern Theater to witness "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch." Seven Columbus wholesale firms contributed the presents.

Most of the teachers are remaining at home to get a much needed rest. The Winemillers are enjoying a visit from their daughter, Dorothy, who came full of news from her first term in the Normal department of Gallaudet College.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Kennedy and two children are spending the holidays in New York as guests of Mr. Kennedy's father. Strange to relate, they decided to leave their car at home and go by train—their first trip by rail for ten years! To the two little ones it must have been quite a novelty to have the engine instead of Daddy get them there.

Mr. Albert Bannon, whom we reported as homeless and quite ill at the Columbus Transients hotel, has been taken to St. Francis Hospital through the kind efforts of Mr. H. Volp and Mr. Mayer.

Glenn Sickles, aged 10, a pupil at the school, was stricken with nephritis in November and gradually grew worse till December 14th when he was taken by death, his parents being at his bedside. Every effort was made to check the disease. He was much liked by his young playmates. It is always sad to see the taking of a young child and doubly so this season of the year. The school sincerely sympathized with Glenn's parents.

Mrs. Emma Fortner Schraeder, aged 52, of Columbus died at the Franklin County Sanatorium, December 20th, after a short illness. As Emma Weber, she attended the Ohio School and was later married to Mr. Fortner, of Columbus, who also was educated at the school. Two children, Betty and David, came from this marriage and they like their parents were pupils at the Ohio School. Both are now married and live in Columbus. Mrs. Fortner married a second time. She is survived by two brothers and a sister, Mrs. Case. Burial was made at Grove City, the home of the Weber family.

The Columbus Frats have selected January 19th. for their annual social. It will be at the K. of P. Hall on South High Street. The reason for the late date is that every suitable hall was taken for December and early January. As this will be the only social in January, a large crowd is anticipated.

Mrs. Simon Kingry after visiting her daughter and a sister-in-law in Columbus, has returned to her home in Orient. Although eighty years old, Mrs. Kingry is enjoying fair health.

Seems Mr. and Mrs. Rattan have come back to Columbus for a stay. Mr. Rattan is again under the management of Al Haft for wrestling matches. His first match comes December 28th at the Columbus auditorium. He seems to be a good drawing card here.

Mr. and Mrs. Teeple, Mr. and Mrs. Kungz, Mr. and Mrs. Myles, Mr. and Mrs. Quilligan, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbory, Messrs. Emmit Buist

and R. Gefsky of Youngstown formed a party honoring the eleventh wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. Hetzler. Cards were enjoyed and then at a nicely decorated table refreshments were served. The center piece was a wedding cake bearing miniature bride and groom. All had a good time and wished the host and hostess many happy returns of their wedding anniversary.

Through the different societies in Ohio and from many individuals the residents of the Ohio Home were made happy with treats of various kinds and gifts.

Mrs. James Park, of California, ever thoughtful of the Ohio Home, sent in a generous donation towards treats.

The firemen and the policemen of Columbus reconditioned all the old toys they could gather and at each fire house the toys were given to poor children of the city and over 1500 toys made children happy. Everything possible was done in Columbus, as well as elsewhere, to feed and cloth and bring happiness to the unfortunates of the city.

According to the daily press, the animals in the Cincinnati Zoo were given presents, as twenty packages addressed to animals reached the zoo. Old Lil, the elephant, received a whole bunch of bananas. And to show that not even birds were forgotten, a neighbor called at my home Christmas morning with a box of sunflower seeds for our pet redbirds, who come thrice daily to feed on our kitchen windowsill. Everyone around our home knows "Edgar's redbirds."

According to a statement given out by the Ohio Teachers Retirement System, there are now 3086 Ohio teachers receiving dividend checks each month. The manager of the System doesn't like the name "pension," so he calls them "dividend checks." Seven former teachers of the Ohio School are on this list.

E.

Dec. 26th.

## The Auto Cure

According to observations of Mr. A. Mouneyrat, communicated recently to the French Academy of Sciences, automobile journeys are excellent for the health. The rapid displacement of the air has, he asserts, a most happy effect upon nutrition. The number of red globules in the blood is largely increased. He finds also that the auto exercises a remarkable effect in inducing sleep, due not to fatigue, but to the influence of the air respired. He would recommend automobile-riding, at moderate speed, as a special treatment for anemia.

## The Church Mission to the Deaf

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Third Sunday of the month.—Johnstown, St. Mark's Church, 11 A.M. Greensburg, Christ Church, 2:30 P.M. Pittsburgh, Trinity Cathedral, 7:30 P.M.

Fourth Sunday of the month.—Hazleton, St. Peter's Church, 11 A.M. Scranton, St. Luke's Church, 2:30 P.M. Wilkes-Barre, St. Stephen's, 7:30 P.M.

Monthly services are given, by appointment, at the following places: Williamsport, Franklin, Oil City, Erie, Beaver Falls, Monongahela, Donora, Altoona, Shamokin, Easton, Lebanon and Punxsutawney. Celebrations of the Holy Communion, and all special services, are by appointment. For full information address the Missionary.

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## BOSTON

The committee of the H. A. D. gave its first movie of the season at the Y. M. H. A. auditorium, after its transaction of their business meeting, on Sunday November 18th. The features shown were Rin Tin Tin in "Off the North," and Harold Lloyd in "The Ghost Spooks," along with a cartoon. The H. A. D. banquet will take place at the Aperia Plaza, Warren Street, Roxbury, on Saturday, January 19th. Reservations should be sent to Chairman Julius Castaline, 47 Lorne St. Dorchester, Mass.

An interesting lecture by Rev. J. S. Light of the St. Andrew mission, delving into Hebrew history, was given on Friday evening, December 7th, before a large audience.

An exceptionally large crowd attended the Oral Club Hot Supper and Kiddie Party on November 17th. Misses Alice Cahill and Christine Smith were in charge of the supper, while the kiddie games were handled by Mrs. Geo. Bingham. Miss Helen Heckman, from Newton, well known specialty dancer, carried off the prize for the prettiest costume, an 1860 colonial costume. Mr. Paul Mitchell was a scream in his make-up as a babe. Miss Nora Eagan received the third prize for wearing the funniest costume.

An equally large crowd turned out at the Boston Silent Club whist party on that same evening, the 17th, at the Ritz Plaza. Many useful prizes were awarded to the highest scorers.

It was incorrectly reported in the previous Boston column that Messrs. John O'Neil of Charlestown, were accompanied by Misses Nellie Burke and Catherine Davey, of Providence, on Sunday, October 28th, when they motored back to Boston, after attending the N. F. S. D. dance in Providence on Saturday, October 27th. Actually, the boys had motored back to Boston early Sunday morning, while during that day, Misses Burke and Davey took a bus, and paid an unexpected visit to Mr. and Mrs. L. Snyder, of Roxbury. Finding the Snyders were not at home, they visited the Kornblums nearby.

Friends have received cards from Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lisnay (nee Lillian Mitchell), of New Brunswick, N. J., announcing the arrival of a baby boy recently. Congratulations!

Mr. and Mrs. Abe Cohen (nee Levine), and little son, of Providence, along with Mrs. Cohen's mother, motored to Roxbury on Thanksgiving Day. Mrs. Cohen's mother, Mrs. Levine, had been visiting them for two weeks.

Mrs. George Freedman, has been at her parental abode in Worcester for quite a while. Ten of her Roxbury friends gave her a "good-will" shower, on Sunday evening, November 25th, at her home. Bridge was played. A small purse of money was left by her friends.

A surprise birthday party, honoring Art Doherty was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Gaines, on Sunday evening, November 25th. Those who were present had a very enjoyable time, with Art being the cause of many pranks. Art received a shower of gifts from his friends.

Our sympathies are extended to Bob McCarthy, his sister Margaret, and family on the death of their aged father on November 6th. Interment was held at Chestnut Hill Cemetery, Brookline.

Big doings are promised at the annual N. F. S. D., No. 35, New Year's Dance and Entertainment on December 31st and January 1st. The New Year Dance and Entertainment will be held at Horticultural Hall, 300 Huntington Avenue, Boston. Miss Helen Heckman, formerly of the Orpheum Circuit, will give specialty dances. For those who do not care to dance, there will be bridge and whist. At the Y. D. Club, 200 Huntington Avenue, on January 1st, from 4 to 6 P.M., Monte Carlo whist will be

held while in the evening, from 7:30 to 11:30 P.M., there will be an amateur night and movies.

Dec. 26.

E. W.

### The Capital City

There was a glorious Christmas Tree for the children at the Deaf Department of Calvary Baptist Church on the night of December 21st. It was given by the Sunbeam Society of the Baptist Mission.

The children, both hearing and deaf of deaf parents of the Capital City, were cordially invited to the merry evening. The children thronged the hall and the joyful spirit of Christmas ruled. There was a glittering tree in front by the side of the platform.

The Membership Committee, of which Mrs. Winnie Burton was chairman, were hostesses of the evening. The committee saw to it that every little one had a grand time.

Mr. Gerald Ferguson was introduced and gave a talk on "Human Nature—The Toys."

He described how the doll was a pioneer and her continued popularity. Before Victoria became the Queen of England, she had a doll she adored and cherished. Dolls are petted daily in thousands of nurseries. The dolls are the hearts of children.

A dialogue given by "Dad" Stewart and "daughter" Miss Viola Servold on "The Level" was a good drama. When Dad left the room, daughter found a letter from Dad to Santa, which revealed that there were five gifts on the list for himself, one for mother and one for daughter. It was very original.

Mr. D. Smoak took the role as Santa. The children were agog with excitement when Santa, in a red suit and white beard, appeared with a big basket of toys and candies. Receiving the toys was a glorious surprise to the tots.

Several games were indulged in to please the children and adults. Toys and candies were awarded to the winners.

At the close of the program, Mrs. R. J. Stewart recited "Good Night." It was a perfectly elegant holiday program. Ice-cream was served to all.

Sunday evening, December 23d, Prof. H. Drake gave a sermon on the "Birth of Christ." Mesdames D. Smoak, Duvall, and Council rendered charmingly "Peaceful Night, Holy Night."

Mrs. Winnie Burton also signed beautifully, "Little Town of Bethlehem," and Mrs. R. J. Stewart closed with "Silent Night, Holy Night."

The Mission Hall was well filled. Rev. Mr. Bryant was detained at home with a slight cold.

Rev. Mr. Lorraine Tracy left Saturday, December 15th, for West Virginia, to be gone a whole week. Rev. Georg Almo was scheduled to take Rev. Tracy's place at the St. Mark's Church, Sunday the 16th, but he was taken ill, so Rev. Mr. Whildin, of Baltimore, Md., was called to preach. A good-sized congregation attended.

Mr. S. C. Jones, of Gladis, Va., was at the Baptist Christmas Entertainment of December 21st. He was glad to be at the social in time so he could see the tots enjoy themselves with dolls and candies. He came to the Capital City to meet his oldest daughter from Northampton, Mass., where she teaches at the Oral School. They then joined their younger daughter, who is employed at the telephone office in this city, to spend the holidays in Gladis, Va. While in this city, Mr. Jones was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Roger O. Scott.

The National Literary Society of Washington met at the Northeast Masonic Temple, Wednesday night, December 19th. A large number of the deaf turned out to hear Rev. Mr. Bryant, who gave a lecture on "Miscellaneous," being about seven distinguished people he has seen. Mr. Bryant is not only an artist but is also a dramatist. He is popular with the audiences.

Mrs. Cicchino, a charming lady, re-

cited a "Christmas Song," which was much appreciated. John Flood gave a talk on Topics. Mr. Hendrikson closed the meeting with a reading. The next meeting will be on the third Wednesday night of January.

The basement in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Boswell has been remodelled and redecorated.

Happy New Year to all.

MRS. C. C. COLBY

### New York State Association

Editor, Deaf-Mutes' Journal:

I have been asked why I should favor the formation of a New York State Association of the Deaf. It has been pointed out that I have often decried the existence of so many organizations in our state and yet I publicly favor the addition of one more. Thereby I sound paradoxical.

In answer I wish to state that I am far from paradoxical. Indeed, it is because of the existence of so many local organizations that I favor creating one STRONG state organization—to take the place of dozens of duplicating organizations.

I hope I am not exaggerating when I say there must be close to 500 clubs and organizations scattered throughout New York State. From close contact I do know the great majority are at loggerheads with each other. There is indeed a lack of cohesion and unity. I contend the deaf can make no progress as long as these minor organizations work at cross purposes. To make my view-point more easily understandable, let's quote a parable; or let's make it a fairy tale:

Once upon a time there was a king who was very sick. His court physician was summoned and he in turn called in several hundred other physicians—specialists in their line. They got together and started arguing as to what was wrong with the king. Some urged this remedy, some that. They couldn't agree as to the best method for a cure. One word led to another and they started squabbling. While they were in the midst of their quarreling the court chamberlain came in to announce that the king was dead.

Such, unfortunately, is the state of affairs in New York—and not only in New York, but throughout the country. That's why the cause of the deaf seems so very hopeless. That's why discrimination continues. That's why at least 50 per cent. of the deaf of America are dependent upon charity. What has happened to our proud boast: "The deaf do not beg?" Such state of affairs will continue—until the deaf start thinking and realize that their present set-up is ANCIENT, ANTQUATED and HOPELESS. When they realize myriads of minor organizations milk them dry in dues, etc., etc., without any tangible return they will revolt. Once they realize this we can expect quick improvement.

This is the kind of set-up I'd like to see in this land of ours: Each state to have a strong association, whose sole business shall be the welfare of the deaf in their states. These state associations to be affiliated with the National Association of the Deaf, which is to be recognized as a central headquarters and clearing bureau. Each state association is to have branches in every city in its state. These branches are to have charters and it shall be stipulated that social gatherings be held at least once a week. This will give our kind social contact which we so sorely need. Dues are to be fixed to a minimum. This will enable every deaf resident of the community to join. Every effort should be made to get every deaf resident into such branch for mutual welfare. Likewise, every existing club (except where it renders some special service or benefit, such as a church organization or a sport club) should be discouraged. In other words, make ONE POWERFUL organization in each city an organization dedicated to social and welfare benefits.

Now as to the benefits accrued from this set-up: Let us say the state of Illinois has a branch in Peoria. During one of the weekly socials the case of John Smith is brought to the attention of the members. It seems that John Smith has just lost his job, seemingly through discrimination. He has a wife and two children to support and needs aid. The president of the branch starts a subscription. From the 100 persons present the sum of \$25 is gotten together. Next a committee is appointed to raise funds for the family through raffles and socials until case is adjusted. In the meantime the officers of the branch send a committee to interview the employer. If no progress is made the case is referred to the state organization. And when such powerful pressure fails in its objective, the state officers call upon the National Association of the Deaf to bring NATIONAL pressure to bear upon the recalcitrant firm. Result will be satisfactory and prompt. We will thus nip discrimination in the bud. In most such cases the local branch can adjust such matters satisfactorily.

The main purpose of such set-up is Unity. We can show the world that we deaf stick together. That we are indeed our brother's keeper. That we intend to fight for him—if his fight is just. That even if we have not the means, we have things better—CO-OPERATION AND DETERMINATION—to achieve our ends, which after all are nothing more or less than social justice.

By this means we weld together a powerful chain throughout the land. Each link will be a unit in itself. Its power will be far-reaching. Our class will have the social contact it needs to brighten life—and not have to pay through the nose for the privilege of meeting their friends for a friendly chat.

I do realize this plan smacks strongly of socialism (if not downright communism). Maybe so, but I can see no other way for us to achieve unity and be of real aid and mutual benefit to our brethren. During the American Revolution it was a case of sticking together or hanging separately. So it is with us. The deaf as a class are becoming disintegrated. There are groups upon groups, clubs within clubs—organizations that talk a lot and do nothing. To belong to half a dozen such clubs bring no assurance of improved conditions.

By no means must my idea be confused with the "Frat" divisions. They are very good in themselves and do great benefit. But I might point out they are groups of a fraternity that insures its members against sickness and death. And as such it is a business organization and CANNOT help them socially and economically. Also it makes no provisions for deaf women (numbering at least half the deaf population.) This scheme embraces ALL the deaf—from youth to hoary head. And it must be permanent. I cannot stress too strongly that the sole objective for the existence of such organizations is to be of mutual benefit to the deaf—irrespective of nationality or creed—whether they live in Maine or Texas. It must not only be ready but willing to come to aid of their kind scattered in far corners of our land.

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## PENNSYLVANIA

John B. Smith, of Greensburg, succeeded in crashing the gate into the ritzy Country Club at Rolling Rock, near Ligonier, on October 9th. And was he staggered at what he saw? The place comprises about 3000 acres and cost over three million dollars. A steeplechase was what attracted Smith thither in the first instance, but he saw a lot of other things besides. There were prominent society people from Pittsburgh and Philadelphia, and everything that money could buy was much in evidence. Only one thing couldn't be found anywhere—a Ford.

"My little prune", said Mrs Marion J. Allen, of Greensburg, "won the third prize of forty dollars in the May Stern Department Store contest." This correspondent sat up and took notice. "How did he do it?" he inquired. "Oh, without brains, of course", she answered airily. "Anyhow, we'll get a living room suite, and when it arrives, come up and see me some time!"

The Greensburg Local Branch of the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf Alumni Association staged a weiner roast on the Stangarone farm at Connellsville on October 6th. About thirty of the local deaf were there, and although eighteen of them were unemployed, a neat some was realized.

The Misses Pauline Lackner of Beaver Falls, Ruth Brown, of Middlefield, Ohio, and Adelia Preto of Ravena, Ohio; and Messrs. Wayne LeBar of Chardon, Ohio, and Howell Stottler of Akron, Ohio, spent one week on a motoring trip in Ohio, then proceeded to the Chicago World's Fair, where they stayed for four days. From there they motored to Pontiac, then to Detroit, Mich. They arrived home again on September 15th. The trip was made in LeBar's car, and all report having had a grand time throughout the trip.

Mrs. Audley Pitzer has been the guest of her sister at Franklin since September 23d, following the successful operation, which she recently underwent. She expects to return home again to New Freedom early in November.

Mrs. William Gumpf returned home to Beaver Falls on October 27th, after spending seven weeks with her parents at Darlington, where she assisted with the farm duties.

Mr. and Mrs. George Cannon, of Martin's Ferry, O., have been visitors at Ellwood City since October 21st.

Here is hoping that George Burns, of Ellwood City, succeeds in getting his limit of rabbits and quail on the opening day of the hunting season. He has been patiently training his rabbit hound for field work for the past several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Hicks, of Erie, were at Cleveland, O., recently, in attendance at the wedding of the latter's cousin.

Every once in a while we come across some deaf man for whom the depression proved to be a blessing. There is Elmer R. Greenfield, of Erie, for example. When work became scarce, he put his wits to work, and finally set up in the hardwood floor finishing business "on his own." He bought a surfacing machine, etc., and hung out his shingle. He has been at it every since, and reports that business is quite brisk. He does every type of floor resurfacing and refinishing.

Mr. and Mrs. Rinhart Fritzges, of North Girard, motored to the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hogenmiller, at Emlenton on October 21st. On the way, they stopped at Cambridge Springs and picked up the aged father of Mr. Hogenmiller, and brought him along. All had a good time.

Other recent visitors at the farm of the Hogenmiller at Emlenton were Mr. and Mrs. Elmer R. Greenfield and Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Green, all of Erie. They motored out on October 7th.

## Los Angeles, Cal.

Something new will be the Community Christmas, on the evening of December 22d, sponsored by the Frats' Division, No. 27, the Cosmopolitan Club and the Los Angeles Silent Club. The depression is to be thanked for the clubs getting together several times the past year for community celebrations.

The Los Angeles Silent Club held their election of officers December 8th, and the following were elected: President, Mrs. Margaret Conway; Vice-President, David Reddick; Secretary, James Conway; Treasurer, Mrs. Susan Reddick; Directors, J. W. Barrett, Mrs. Grace Noah, Miss Cora Denton, Thomas Elliott and Ora Baldwin; Trustee, Thomas Elliott.

The Cosmopolitan Club held their regular business meeting December 12th, and the officers for 1935 were elected as follows: President, Fred W. Meinken; First Vice-President, West Wilson; Second Vice-President, Miss Cora Denton; Secretary, J. A. Goldstein; Treasurer, U. M. Cool; Financial Secretary, Miss Lottie Hyten. Santa Claus will be at this club Sunday evening, December 23d, to entertain the members and their children. This club, as usual, will have a Watch Night Dance on December 31st. Arrangements have been made to take care of the crowd in case there is a heavy rain and storm (as happened last year on New Year's Eve) when there was no street car service, as the streets were flooded.

Before their election of officers on December 1st, L. A. Division No. 27, N. F. S. D., had a Gibson Memorial service. After standing in silence a minute as a tribute, there was a brief but interesting talk by F. W. Meinken, who had been associated with the immortal "Gib" on many occasions during a residence in Chicago.

Mesdames Wilder and Cordero joined forces in preparing Thanksgiving dinner for their families, having it at Mrs. Cordero's home, and a 17-pound turkey was served with the usual trimmings. An invited guest was Mrs. Anna Ward, who is one of the oldest of the Los Angeles deaf pioneers.

At Thanksgiving dinner Mr. and Mrs. C. C. McCann had as their guests Mr. and Mrs. Simon Himmelschein, Miss Alice Donahue and Fred W. Meinken. In the evening they all went to the "At Home" at the Sonneborns' home. About forty guests attended. During the evening moving pictures were shown of Mrs. Sonneborn's recent airplane trip to Chicago.

Mrs. Desaux, formerly Anna Pasykowski, a charming lady and an ex-pupil of the Mt. Airy, Pa., School, is engaged to William Richards. He is a first class upholsterer, formerly a resident of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Can.

Mr. I. A. Krasne arranged a delightful surprise party for his wife the evening of December 8th. She had been coaxed away to spend the day with Mr. Krasne's folks. During her absence he arranged the rooms in readiness for the fifty guests he had invited, and the "chefs" he had engaged, Mrs. Himmelschein and Miss Alice Donahue, prepared the luncheon. When Mrs. Krasne returned the house was dark. Her hair almost flew on end when she opened the door and the lights were turned on and her friends surrounded her exclaiming, "Happy Birthday." After the excitement was over a bridge tournament was started which continued till a late hour, there being forty players. First prizes were won by J. Goldstein and Mrs. Mary Winn. The elegant luncheon was then served in "Delmonico" fashion. Mrs. Krasne received many pretty and useful gifts. She was born in Kansas City, Mo., and is planning to spend two months there before going to the Frats' Convention next summer.

L. A. Division, No. 27, N. F. S. D., will have their Silver Anniversary Banquet, Saturday eve., January 12th, 1935. Tickets will be limited to about 175 or 200. It will be at 6 o'clock sharp. Later there will be cards and dancing. ABRAM HALL  
Dec. 20, 1934.

## CHICAGOLAND

Chicago Division, No. 106, went zestfully into the election of its officers for 1935, with the following results: C. Stephen Kuflewski, president; Gordon Rice, vice-president; Frederick W. Hinrichs, secretary; Albert Rensman, treasurer; William McElroy, director; Emanuel Mayer, trustee for three years; and Oliver Peterson and Paul Perenecky, Jr., sergeants-at-arms. In the race for the office of the treasurer, there was a tie in the first vote. For that of the trustee, the interest was lukewarm at first, with only two candidates submitted by the nominating committee. Then, unaccountably, it became galvanized with the opening of the election. Five more threw their hats in the ring, totaling seven candidates despite the fact that it was to run for three years. Even in the first vote, where there was no winning majority, four lowest willingly dropped out, it took still three more votes before Emanuel Mayer, a truly dark horse, nosed to the fore.

The newly elected officers to lead Chicago League of Hebrew Deaf for 1935 are Louis Ruskin, president; Morris Hertzberg, vice-president; Harry E. Kessal, secretary; Flora Herzberg, treasurer; Louis Greenberg, J. Gordon and Emanuel Mayer, and Hyman Bernstein, sergeant-at-arms. This League is facing a very auspicious year, for beginning with January, on the 6th, Sunday at 4 P.M. sharp, the literary program will be revived by the chairman, Peter Livshis. There will be a lecture to be delivered by an attorney, the subject to be: "Which offers more to the Jew—Palestine or Biro-Bidjan?" It is an open afternoon, where all interested in the intellectual culture are welcome, there being no charge. At six, and there will be refreshments and in the evening, cards and bunco. The location is at 450 Broadway, on third floor.

All officers but that of the president were elected by the Pas-a-Pas Club. The second vice-president is Mrs. Meinken; secretary, Mrs. Ed Carlson; treasurer, Mr. McGann; and financial secretary, Mr. Meehan. In January, the president and the first vice-president will be hunted down and placed in office.

The bazaar and vaudeville of All Angels' Mission for the Deaf, given last December 8th, netted over \$200, a record breaker. The chairman was Mrs. Hagemayer.

For the first time in his life, James Epstein was tendered a surprise party on December 8th. How it feels to be surprised with a party that was absolutely new is best left to imagination.

Mrs. John J. Ellman sends in the word about her tiny granddaughter, Lucille Ellman, made famous for having resided in the incubator of 1935 Century of Progress Fair. She writes that through the mix-up it is thought the baby could not leave and still live. On the contrary, she is very much alive and kicking, thanks to the care of the doctors and nurses from Sarah Morris Hospital, opposite Michael Reese Hospital. She must have proved to be the survival of the incubating fittest. The other three or four babies in Chicago that left the Fair incubator did not live on.

The annual meeting will be held by Chicago Chapter of Illinois Association of the Deaf, Wednesday, January 9th, at the Parish Hall, of All Angels' Mission, Racine and Leland. Matters of momentous importance will be brought up for action. PETER J. LIVSHIS.

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## A Principal's Address

Mr. Bateman addressed the members of the Forrest Club at their meeting on Thursday evening, November 1st. He took for his subject the trip that he, Mrs. Bateman and three of the staff had made the week before to Windsor, N. S., where they visited the Eureka Textile Mills, where upwards of a hundred people are regularly employed, amongst whom are seven or eight deaf people, former pupils of the school.

Starting at the beginning, he showed us how only one deaf person was employed at first. So good was her work and so pleased was the foreman, that he was willing to employ more deaf. During the last ten years or more there have always been six or seven deaf workers at these mills. Much credit should go to Mary Lucdee who, by pleasing her employees, was the one to open the gates for others. If she had been careless and indifferent about her work there would have been a different story, no other deaf worker would have been there. He told of workshops and factories in Halifax and elsewhere where some deaf people have been employed for many years. The chief credit for this should go to the first deaf workers to be employed. They had made good and they had opened the gates for others to follow.

He said he was sorry to say there was a reverse side to this. He knew of workshops and factories that were averse to taking in deaf workers. Why? Because in the past they had employed some deaf workers who had not given satisfaction. Wasting of time, foolish actions, etc., had led to them being laid off or dismissed. He was sorry to say they had closed the doors to deaf workers.

He and the teachers were always trying to educate the public to the capabilities of the deaf, and the responsibility lay on the old pupils to show the outside world, both by their character and quality of their work, that they could take their places in the work of the world, if given a chance. He urged every old pupil to strive his utmost to give satisfaction to his employers, not for his own advancement only, but also for the benefit of those who will follow.—L. T. G. in *Halifax School News*.

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**On Skees for the Doctor**

By Frederic Brush

Martin finished the new skees at noon, and ate most of his dinner while he was fastening them on. And all that afternoon he skimmed over the fields about his mountain home in an ecstasy of joy. The skees of straight-grained white ash took a polish quickly, and grew faster with each descent. They were perfectly balanced and curved high at the front, and he could take the drifted stone walls with a long skimming leap that almost made the heart stop for the fear and joy of it.

He was a twelve-year-old athlete, trained in the incessant activities of the farm and forest. Sweeping down at the house with the speed of the fastest train, he would stop within a few yards, or swerve with an exultant cry close by his doubtful, watching mother, and go on cutting long curves and leaping the half-buried fences to the lower edge of the clearing.

About four o'clock Martin saw his father with Jim, the hired man, driving home from the mill. Martin planned to take the road with a flying leap just under their noses, as they turned in toward the barn.

The effect was greater than he anticipated; he had left the horses out of his calculations. One was a colt just being broken, and the other was not low-spirited. When that strange, longfooted, flying figure passed with a shriek before them, the colt leaped across the back of its mate, and together they swerved and crashed through the fence and over the wall into the barnyard below.

Mrs. Baird was quickly there, and heard her husband's repeated cry for help from under the entangling wreck. As they dragged him out, a red trail followed upon the snow. He was tightly clutching his left arm at the elbow, but the blood was dripping fast from his finger-tips.

"The ax caught me somehow," said he. "I had it on my knees. Slit up the sleeve with your knife—quick, Martin, and let us see! I bled frightfully in there before I could get hold of it. I feel weak—I feel weak."

As they bared the arm, a stream of bright blood spurted high, and falling, left its spotted stain upon the snow. Martin and Jim jumped back, amazed and speechless. The mother reeled in a half-faint, but braced at her husband's sharp words.

"Martin! Jim! Help me here—can't you? Quick—grab the arm above! Not so tight! There's the vessel. So—hold steady."

By their many hands the bleeding was again controlled, but the father lay outstretched with white lips. Recovering slowly, he told them how to knot handkerchiefs and tie the upper arm, but the artery spurted again, and only the hands seemed to control it.

"Get on the colt, Martin, and go for the doctor," said Mrs. Baird.

"The doctor passed us going up the valley to Gray's over an hour ago," said Jim. "He'll be coming down about now. If we could head him off—if we could head him off! If we don't, it'll be hours before we get him here."

"Run down the mountain, Martin," said the father, "by the old log road and Clancey's clearing. Start slow; it's the finish we want—the finish! If you miss him, take Clancey's horse and ride. Where are you now, boy?" he cried, sharply.

Turning, he saw Martin strapping on the skees. "Take those things off!" he commanded. "Haven't they done enough for one day?"

For answer, Martin glided from the yard dropping like an arrow down the long barn meadow, and took the drifted wall without a touch of the pole. He swayed badly in midair, and the watchers held their breath; but he righted, and was on like the wind into the slopes and curves of the clearing.

Here was work for the best skee-rider—stumps, vines to avoid, and treacherous drifts to pass; but Martin kept on swiftly toward the forest. He was using the pole now, dodging and

balancing and sometimes braking almost to a stop, but steadily going down, twenty times faster than his unaided legs could have carried him. At last the watchers saw him, with a startling sweep of speed, go straight toward the forest edge, and disappear therein as if swallowed.

"He's got the road," said Mr. Baird, his eyes growing moist. "God help him! Go to the window in the barn loft, Myra. Jim has got this all right now. From there you can just see the top of the ridge in Clancey's clearing. Maybe he will pass there."

She sprang into the loft. What thoughts were hers as she waited at that window! A husband there, with a finger holding him from death, and an only child rushing to possible destruction on the mountain slopes below! Suddenly along that white ridge a mile and a half away, and clearly seen in the fading sunset light, a black speck of a figure showed, moved swiftly downward, and passed in a moment out of her sight.

She came back quickly, with the tears flowing freely.

"He passed," she said.

Then, still holding the artery and by the aid of the boy's big sled, they moved the bleeding man into the house, and began the miserable waiting time, that might be one hour or ten.

When Martin shot so boldly into the forest, he had seen the old wood road stretching straight and concave before him; but there were many troubles which he had to face before he could get through.

Twice he had to fall at quick turns to avoid dashing into the trees, and at several points fallen stems across the path came near to ending his downward career.

But each time he let the breath be knocked out of him and fell in a way to save the skee fastenings; and each time, as he rose, he saw more clearly the vision of that blood spurt across the snow and the strange blue-white face of his father, and each time he sped on faster and took greater chances.

He was trying many new tricks, but new skill seemed to come to him with every moment of the descent. He crouched low through the woods, but the boughs whipped his face cruelly, and he was tasting his own blood when he emerged at last at the extreme upper corner of Clancey's clearing.

All the course now lay open before him. The conditions for skee-riding were perfect—deep snow, a pebbly crust slightly yielding, and over this an inch of light steering snow, fallen the night before.

Martin straightened up and breathed; the skees felt the new freedom, and taking the narrow ridge between two ravines, he swept down with terrific speed toward the upper pastures of the Clancey farm. It was here that his mother, from the loft, had seen him pass.

Another half-mile and the valley would be in full view. The vision of his father faded, and another came. In imagination he saw the doctor speeding down by Clancey's house, and himself waving and shouting from the hillside—too late, too late. He must go faster, faster. Raising his pole high, he took a steep slope freely, not seeing and hardly caring what was at the bottom, and a bad fall resulted.

His head struck something hard under the snow; the breath was beaten from him, and for a moment he lost consciousness. As he revived and lay there looking up forgetfully at the pink-tinged clouds, the tinkle of bells came up faintly to his ears.

He sprang up and started downward again. A few seconds brought him out upon the promontory, and the valley lay like a map below. The sound of bells rang up clearly on the still evening air, and there was the doctor passing swiftly down the valley and but a little way above Clancey's house.

Doctor Briggs drove better horses and drove them faster than any other man in the county. Lying far back in his hooded sleigh, he slept or half-slept as he drove, and every one turned far out when they heard him coming.

Martin had a half-mile to pass and the doctor a few rods. All this passed in one thought through the boy's mind as he dropped like a swooping hawk from the bluff and came out upon the long, steep fields above the house. It was clear, straight going now, and crouching low, he swept like some great low-flying bird down that last white stretch to the road. His eyes were on the doctor's team, that appeared to be moving with ever-quicken pace. The cold wind froze his face and cut through all his clothing, but the skees for the first time seemed to be holding. He prayed for more speed, and bending farther forward, tried to urge them on.

A quarter-mile above the house Martin saw with dismay that he should just miss the doctor there. No cry of his could reach him, deep muffled in that hood. No horse of Clancey's would catch him, short of the village, miles away. The picture of the bleeding father appeared again before him, and a weakening fear came, and almost caused a fall. But he remembered then his father's words, "It's the finish we want—the finish!" and he stiffened again for action.

Looking to the left, he saw that the bluff bordering the creek ran out to a point beyond Clancey's and then curved sharply back to the edge of the fields. With a touch of the pole he swerved, and went straight for that high bank at the nearest point. It was unknown ground to him, but he knew that the road was under the bank, and the doctor was on that road, and coming fast.

Nearing the edge, he saw the tops of tall trees sticking up from below, and heard the bells chime out loudly as the doctor swung round the point. A sharp slope led down to the brink, and with the full speed of this, crouching, he shot far out into the air, and with all his breath gave out one long cry as he sailed down over the treetops.

The next Martin remembered was awakening to a sharp report and sitting up to see the doctor with his jack-knife rounding the edges of a piece of one of the skees. Then the doctor put the other skee under his foot to break it, and Martin cried, "Don't do that! Don't break that, please! I've got just enough ash to make one more."

"All right," said the doctor. "I'll take another piece off the broken one."

"What's the matter?" asked Martin.

"Your leg is broken. Say, what were you thinking of, anyway? Good-by to you if you had hit the road. You went clear across it into the soft snow here."

Then Martin remembered it all, and tried to tell it all at once, and tried to jump up. But the doctor jammed him down and splinted the leg, and placed him with his wrecked skees under the robes, and together they raced for the road that led up the mountain.

An hour later the mother heard the sound of bells, and saw the well-known bays, foamcovered and steaming, come at a lagging trot up the last long stretch across the fields.

They were none too soon. The best efforts of the three had failed to stop the bleeding wholly, and in another hour or two the father must have succumbed.

Three weeks later, as the two cripples sat in the family group by the evening fire, the father said, "Jim tell the men to-morrow to cut that straight ash we've been saving so long—that stands above the mill. I think there may be some good skee stuff in it."

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## NEW YORK CITY

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There will be a basketball game at Fanwood on January 5th, 1935 (not 1934) between the New York School for the Deaf and the Ephpheta Five. The Fanwood second team will meet the Gallaudet Alumni (of N. Y.). A game is pending between the Barrager Lassies and the Liptons. The first game starts at 1:45 P.M.

Mrs. J. H. McCluskey, of West Sangerties in the Catskills, was in town during the holidays.

Mr. Lew A. Meyer, the deaf newsdealer, who has a stand at the corner of 68th Street and Lexington Avenue, has for the past four years been receiving gifts from L. M. House, better known as Colonel House, who figured to a great extent in the news during President Wilson's administration. Colonel House passes Mr. Meyer's newsstand daily and always greets the newsman cordially. This Christmas Colonel House, besides his customary Christmas present, also gave Mr. Meyer an autographed copy of the book by Sylvester Viereck, entitled, "The Strangest Friendship in History—Woodrow Wilson and Col. House." The book contains 349 pages, and also has an appendix of the codes between President Wilson and Colonel House.

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